GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1808
ANSWERED ON:09.12.2015
New Railway Lines
Ram Mohan Naidu Shri Kinjarapu

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of new railway lines constructed in the past three years, State-wise including Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the key challenges which have resulted in limiting the expansion of connectivity of railways in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) whether the Government has taken or proposes to take any steps to improve railway connectivity in State given the needs that exist owing to the development of the new capital; and

(d) if so, the details thereof including the details of MoUs signed with foreign countries in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1808 BY SHRI RAM MOHAN NAIDU KINJARAPU TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 09.12.2015 REGARDING NEW RAILWAY LINES

(a) to (c): As most of the railway lines straddle across one or more States, State-wise data is not maintained. Zone-wise break-up of length (in Kilometers) of Broad Gauge track constructed under plan head New Lines in the past three years i.e. 2012-13, 2013-14 & 2014-15, which, inter-alia, includes railway lines falling fully/partly in the State of Andhra Pradesh, is Appended.

As on 31.03.2015, the rail density of Andhra Pradesh is 7.41 Route Km per lakh of population against the National Average of 5.46. In terms of area, the rail density of this State is 22.83 Km per thousand sq. Km against the National Average of 20.07.

To further improve rail connectivity in the State of Andhra Pradesh, 31 major ongoing projects viz. 17 New Line & 14 Doubling falling fully/partly in the State of Andhra Pradesh have been taken up. Budget allocation for these projects has been substantially increased and an outlay of ` 2554 Crore has been provided in 2015-16 as against an allocation of ` 1027 Crore in 2014-15. Doubling of (i) Vijayawada-Narsapur (221 Km), (ii) Vijayawada-Kazipade (220 Km) 3rd line, (iii) Vijayawada Bye pass, (iv) Vijayawada-Gudur (293 Km) 3rd line and (v) Duvvada-Vijayawada (335 Km) 3rd line sections/routes have been taken up which will cater to increased requirement of traffic in and around the capital city of Andhra Pradesh.

(d): Ministry of Railways has not signed any MoU with any foreign country regarding expansion of Railway Network for the development of new capital of Andhra Pradesh.

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